

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

MERIT MECHANICAL, INC., a
Nebraska Corporation;

Plaintiff,

vs.

HOUSTON CASUALTY COMPANY, a
Texas Corporation;

Defendant.

4:21CV3153

**FINAL PROGRESSION ORDER
(AMENDED)**

IT IS ORDERED the parties joint motion to extend the progression order (Filing No. 28) is granted. The unexpired deadlines in the prior progression orders (Filing Nos. 16 and 23) are amended as follows:

- 1) The trial and pretrial conference will not be set at this time. A status conference to discuss case progression, the parties' interest in settlement, and the trial and pretrial conference settings will be held with the undersigned magistrate judge on **April 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** by telephone. Counsel shall use the conferencing instructions assigned to this case to participate in the conference.
- 2) The deadlines for identifying expert witnesses expected to testify at the trial, (both retained experts, ([Fed. R. Civ. P. 26\(a\)\(2\)\(B\)](#)), and non-retained experts, ([Fed. R. Civ. P. 26\(a\)\(2\)\(C\)](#))), is April 5, 2022.
- 3) The deadlines for complete expert disclosures¹ for all experts expected to

¹ While treating medical and mental health care providers are generally not considered "specially retained experts," not all their opinions relate to the care and treatment of a patient. Their opinion testimony is limited to what is stated within their treatment documentation. As to each such expert, any opinions which are not stated

testify at trial, (both retained experts, ([Fed. R. Civ. P. 26\(a\)\(2\)\(B\)](#)), and non-retained experts, ([Fed. R. Civ. P. 26\(a\)\(2\)\(C\)](#)), is April 25, 2022. Rebuttal experts shall be identified by May 25, 2022, with rebuttal reports due June 24, 2022.

- 4) The deposition deadline, including but not limited to depositions for oral testimony only under Rule 45, is August 8, 2022.
 - a. The maximum number of depositions that may be taken by the plaintiffs as a group and the defendants as a group is 6.
 - b. Depositions will be limited by Rule 30(d)(1).
- 5) The deadline for filing motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment is September 9, 2022.
- 6) The deadline for filing motions to exclude testimony on *Daubert* and related grounds is August 25, 2022.
- 7) Motions in limine shall be filed seven days before the pretrial conference. It is not the normal practice to hold hearings on motions in limine or to rule on them prior to the first day of trial. Counsel should plan accordingly.
- 8) The parties shall comply with all other stipulations and agreements recited in their Rule 26(f) planning report that are not inconsistent with this order.
- 9) All requests for changes of deadlines or settings established herein shall be directed to the undersigned magistrate judge, including all requests for changes of trial dates. Such requests will not be considered absent a showing of due diligence in the timely progression of this case and the recent development of circumstances, unanticipated prior to the filing of the motion, which require that additional time be allowed.

Dated this 25th day of March, 2022.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Cheryl R. Zwart
United States Magistrate Judge

within that expert's treatment records and reports must be separately and timely disclosed.